



Tennessee Crop Weather

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AFTER LAST WEEK’S RAIN, PRODUCERS BACK IN THE FIELD

Producers made up for some lost time in the field last week after the previous week’s rainfall over much of the state. Cotton defoliation continued as harvest moved up 10 percent from the previous mark. Good yields for all crops continue to be reported. There were 5.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 10 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Mature	99	98	99	99	Corn	0	2	13	52	33
Corn – Harvested for Grain	87	76	80	85	Cotton	0	1	18	56	25
Cotton – Bolls Opening	87	79	89	88	Pasture	2	9	32	53	4
Cotton - Harvested	14	4	12	33	Soybeans	2	5	18	55	20
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	88	78	82	82	Tobacco	8	17	29	39	7
Soybeans - Harvested	34	23	23	33						
Tobacco – Cut	91	81	87	67						
Winter Wheat - Planted	19	11	19	16						
Winter Wheat - Emerged	2	N/A	5	2						

County Agent Comments

Harvesting continues at good pace. Need some rain to get ready for wheat planting. Good yields reported in all crops.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Pastures are in need of rain. Corn harvest has slowed down due to lack of storage. Farmers are beginning to pick cotton.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County have been busy harvesting corn, milo, beans and cotton. The few farmers that have cotton have also been defoliating. It was getting dry but rains were expected Friday afternoon.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Due to no rain, great harvesting strides were made. Pastures are holding up great.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

Rain on Friday afternoon shut combines down for the weekend. Producers have made great progress in harvesting this week. Corn and grain sorghum harvest is practically over and soybean harvest is near the half-way point. The pace for wheat seeding will pick up next week as producers have been busy preparing fields.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Rain late this week halted harvest, with several acres of hay on the ground getting wet as well.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

We got an inch of rain over most of the county this weekend that will help pastures and fall seeded pastures, etc. Harvesting continues and yields are good.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Producers were back in the field. Soybean and corn harvest resumed after the previous week of rain. Yield reports for corn and soybeans confirm a better than average growing season. Pastures conditions have improved with the rain and lots of fall fertilization is being done. Fall hay is being harvested but low yields are reported.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Producers were able to get back into the fields toward mid-week; however, a cold front late Friday brought an additional 0.50 - 1.0 inch of rainfall. Harvest continues move at a slower than normal pace, with two-thirds of the corn, and a third of the bean crop out. Cotton harvest finally got underway. A few acres of canola were planted before the rain, and wheat producers waiting on soils to dry out. Hay stocks and pastures are in excellent condition.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Some hay, beans and corn harvested. Weekend rain of 1.5" halted harvest. Ground is waterlogged now.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Still drying off a bit from the rains last week which yielded some high moisture levels in corn and added extra time input needed for drying. Almost of all the soybeans have dropped leaves, but harvest is a bit slow as producers have been waiting for fields to dry up a bit. Pastures and cattle look good, hay barns look full, and weather is getting noticeably cooler. We're looking pretty good down here. You all have a great week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

Harvest activities resumed this week with drier conditions.

John Wilson, Blount County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: October 11, 2015 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 11, 2015				Current Week 10/11/15	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	82	51	66	-1	0.06	1	43.44	1.15	30.40	2.89
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	82	51	65	-2	0.49	2	50.63	9.21	38.87	11.81
Brownsville	82	51	66	-2	0.46	2	41.27	1.45	29.11	3.24
Covington_3SW	80	50	64	-3	0.13	1	38.52	-1.05	25.21	-0.47
Dresden	81	50	64	-2	1.24	3	39.32	-2.48	27.08	-1.06
Dyersburg_AP	82	52	65	-3	0.53	2	32.77	-4.53	21.76	-2.87
Henderson_4W	79	50	64	-3	0.89	2	43.97	2.50	31.50	3.91
Huntingdon_Wate	82	49	64	3	0.52	1	40.12	-1.16	28.47	1.37
Jackson_Exp_Stn	83	52	66	-1	1.31	2	40.00	-1.47	28.69	1.10
Lexington_Ag	80	50	64	-2	0.12	3	42.13	3.29	30.01	4.51
Memphis_WFO	84	51	66	-2	0.28	4	35.43	-3.71	22.77	-2.88
Milan_Exp_Stn	83	50	65	3	1.44	2	43.95	2.95	32.64	5.42
Paris_2SE	81	48	63	-1	0.45	2	34.18	-6.70	23.08	-3.86
Selmer	81	50	65	-2	0.13	3	40.82	-2.32	26.79	-1.03
Union_City_AP	81	51	65	1	0.86	4	38.88	0.39	26.38	0.59
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	82	50	64	-2	1.93	6	39.29	-1.22	26.63	0.04
Carthage	81	49	64	-1	3.96	6	40.75	-0.14	28.09	1.33
Centerville_4NE	75	49	62	-4	0.85	4	41.22	0.16	28.90	2.15
Cheatham_L_D	84	49	64	2	1.14	6	36.33	-3.17	25.30	-0.51
Clarksville_AP	81	50	64	-2	1.50	6	37.23	-1.99	25.42	-0.09
Coalmont	76	50	62	-2	1.83	6	49.18	0.90	32.08	1.76
Columbia_3WNW	78	50	63	-1	3.10	6	42.96	0.22	31.01	3.53
Cookeville	80	50	63	0	3.65	7	48.83	4.62	35.39	6.80
Crossville_AP	78	50	64	3	1.99	6	50.60	6.71	36.52	8.18
Dover_1W	80	49	63	-2	1.63	5	45.42	5.05	31.68	5.48
Fayetteville_Wt	78	52	64	-1	0.76	5	44.51	2.15	26.67	0.59
Hohenwald	77	47	61	-4	2.04	6	41.79	-2.49	28.89	0.36
Jamestown	79	48	61	0	2.88	6	48.76	5.46	35.71	6.86
Kingston_Spring	80	49	64	1	1.26	5	37.56	-1.94	25.08	-0.64
Lobelville	76	49	64	0	0.43	4	43.74	0.45	31.39	3.36
Monteagle	73	49	61	-3	1.58	6	57.95	9.67	41.82	11.50
Murfreesboro_5N	80	51	64	0	2.65	5	47.32	5.32	34.70	7.09
Nashville_Metro	81	51	65	-1	0.79	5	37.82	1.18	26.75	2.64
Shelbyville_Wtr	77	51	64	-2	0.84	6	43.92	0.85	30.54	3.03
Sparta_WWTP	80	52	65	1	3.49	7	50.30	7.39	37.33	9.96
Springfield_Exp	81	48	63	-2	1.05	7	38.01	-0.90	26.76	0.97
Tennessee_Ridge	80	49	66	3	3.52	6	42.68	-0.27	31.46	3.37
Thompson_Statio	78	50	63	-3	2.33	6	42.72	0.04	30.45	3.51
Wartrace_6E	74	50	62	-3	1.73	6	49.09	3.87	34.77	6.65
Waynesboro_Ag	79	51	65	1	1.60	5	45.86	0.04	31.18	1.61
East										
Athens	83	56	67	4	3.09	6	52.99	8.01	39.32	11.66
Chattanooga_Lov	83	57	69	3	3.21	5	46.21	4.18	35.03	9.44
Gatlinburg_2SW	79	53	64	3	4.57	6	38.57	-7.62	26.62	-4.88
Greeneville_Exp	78	54	66	7	4.09	5	34.61	-1.24	25.34	0.81
Kingston_Ag	82	53	66	4	2.83	5	50.77	4.48	37.79	8.27
Knoxville_AP	84	55	68	4	1.20	5	34.26	-3.20	22.60	-1.11
Lenior_City	83	53	66	1	2.24	6	43.20	2.40	30.33	5.02
Morristown_Radi	79	53	65	2	3.61	7	42.55	5.95	31.67	7.86
Oak_Ridge	84	56	69	5	1.57	7	40.81	-1.35	28.30	1.49
Roan_Mtn_2SE	73	52	62	7	4.30	7	40.09	0.46	31.60	4.88
Rogersville_1NE	83	52	65	3	4.19	6	42.34	7.49	30.93	7.87
Townsend_5S	76	48	61	-1	3.69	6	46.44	0.25	32.78	1.28
Tri-City_RGNL_A	85	52	67	7	3.14	6	34.26	1.37	24.93	2.87

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1971-2000 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.